

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 12, 14-15, 22-23 and 25; and claims 16-17, 24 and 26-28 have been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 12-15, 18-23 and 25 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 12-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rasanen, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 7,181,202) in view of Houde, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,032,043) and further in view of Belski, *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,657,552). The Applicant has amended claims 12, 14-15, 22-23 and 25 to better define the intended scope of the claimed invention. In particular, none of the cited references cite, from a system perspective, analyzing or checking received response messages to determine if a home location register is adapted to handle further request messages so as to be able to process, e.g., a multi-media service after processing a voice service request, and then sending or not in dependence of the result of the analysis or checking a call set-up request message to a further call control node such as another gateway mobile switching center. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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